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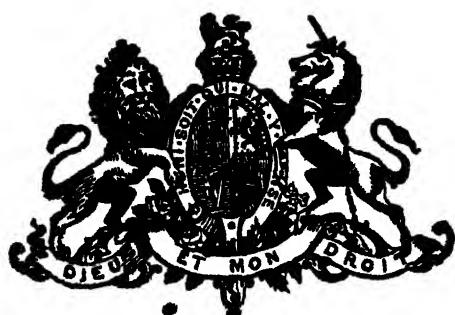
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FROM

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INSPECTOR GENERAL OF REGISTRATION, ASSAM,

To

THE SECOND SECRETARY TO THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER
OF ASSAM.

Dated Shillong, the 15th April 1919.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to submit the statistics of the Registration Department of the Province of Assam for the year 1918, together with the one Provincial and four Imperial statements.

2. I was in charge of the department from 1st January to 2nd October, and Mr. W. L. Scott, I.C.S., from the 3rd October to the end of the year.

3. A new office was opened experimentally at Bhangabazar in the district of Sylhet during the year under report. The number and constitution of the offices at the end of the year were as follows :—

Whole-time offices, permanent	25
Ditto, temporary	1
<i>Ex-officio</i> offices	14
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Total	40
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4. The total number of deeds registered in the province during the year under report was 73,136 as against 89,113 in the previous year, a decrease of 15,977 documents or 17·92 per cent. All the districts except Nowgong and Khasi and Jaintia Hills are responsible for the decrease. The most noticeable decreases are 12,626 in Sylhet, 2,346 in Cachar and 534 in Goalpara, and were mainly under the head "Compulsory registration." The want of ready money, and high prices, the fall in the price of rice and prevalence of influenza were the main causes at work in Sylhet and Cachar. The effects of the flood of 1916 and outbreaks of cholera were additional causes in Cachar. In Goalpara the decrease is assigned to the closure of resettlement in certain zemindaries in the Dhubri subdivision and to the survey which is being carried out in the Mechpara Ward's Estate in the Goalpara subdivision. There was an increase of 102 documents in the district of Nowgong, due to the influx of foreign settlers.

The decreases of 5,943 documents under head "Mortgages" and 6,418 under head "Sales" mainly occurred in the districts of Sylhet and Cachar. The District Registrar, Sylhet, remarks that the "people did not sell their lands as the price was low owing to the scarcity of money, and money-lenders were also averse to giving loans as the old loans were not being paid up" while the District Registrar, Cachar, attributes the decrease to a fall in land values.

In comparison with last year, there was a decrease of Rs. 13,43,315 in the total aggregate value of the deeds registered during the year; the cause is obvious.

5. The total receipts of the department from all sources were Rs. 88,013 as against Rs. 1,01,813 in the preceding year. The decrease is due to the decrease in the number of documents presented. In the districts of Cachar and Garo Hills, the department worked at a loss of Rs. 225 and Rs. 5, respectively, during the year under report.

6. The total expenditure amounted to Rs. 64,983 as against Rs. 68,009 in the previous year. Smaller expenditure on account of temporary establishment and discontinuance of grain compensation allowance in the districts of Cachar and Darrang, non-payment of commission for 2 months to the *ex-officio* Sub-Registrar of Lakhipur and of rent for the Katigora Sub-Registry office building throughout the year in the district of Cachar, and the fact that the post of probationer was not filled in the district of Sylhet, are responsible for the decrease in the total expenditure.

7. Four prosecutions were instituted during the year, 3 of which resulted in conviction while one was pending at the end of the year. Of the 3 prosecutions resulting in conviction, 2 were instituted by the Sub-Registrar of Jorhat on charges of fabricating false evidence by altering the date of a document in order to secure its registration. The accused were sentenced to one day's rigorous imprisonment and to pay fines of Rs. 200 and Rs. 100, respectively. In the third case, instituted by the Sub-Registrar of Sukhair in the district of Sylhet for false identification, the accused was fined Rs. 15.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

S. N. MACKENZIE,

Inspector General of Registration, Assam.

Statement of Instruments registered, and of the value of property transferred by registered Instruments, in each of the districts of the Province of Assam for the year 1918.

REGISTRATIONS AFFECTING IMMOVABLE PROPERTY, BOOK I.

FORM No. I-concl.

Statement of Instruments registered, and of the value of property transferred by registered Instruments, in each of the districts of the Province of Assam for the year 1910.

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REGISTRATIONS AFFECTING MOVABLE PROPERTY, BOOK IV.

FORM NO. 11.

Statement of income, namely, fees realized on registrations and all other receipts in each of the districts of the Province of Assent for the year 1918.

FORM No. III.

Statement of Expenditure in each district of the Province of Assam for the year 1918.

District.	Fixed salaries of Registering Officers.	Percentage paid to Registering Officers.	Cost of Establishments.			Other items of expenditure.	Total Expenditure.
			Permanent.	Temporary.	Total.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Cachar	4,540	400	4,612	11	4,623	615	10,178
Sylhet	24,435	... 170	17,574	1,475	19,049	3,186	46,670
Khasi and Jaintia Hills ...	...	170	177	...	177	19	366
Total Surma Valley and Hill Districts.	28,975	570	22,863	1,486	23,849	3,820	57,214
Goalpara	600	...	821	116	937	552	2,099
Kamrup	717	...	737	...	737	70	1,524
Darrang ... ... ...	...	...	868	111	479	2	451
Nowgong ... ... ...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2
Sibsagar	1,567	...	1,363	76	1,439	81	3,087
Lakhimpur ... ... ...	...	51	893	17	410	87	548
Garo Hills ... ... ...	...	...	...	...	...	38	38
Total Assam Valley Districts...	2,884	51	3,682	320	4,002	832	7,769
Grand Total	31,859	621	26,045	1,806	27,851	4,652	64,983
Total for the previous year ...	31,614	1,150	26,911	2,657	29,568	5,677	68,009

FORM No. IV.

Statement of principal operations other than Registration in Books I, III and IV in each district of the Province of Assam for the year 1918.

District.	Covers containing Wills deposited (section 42).	Covers containing Wills withdrawn (section 44).	Covers containing Wills opened (section 45).	Wills removed to Courts under section 259 of the Indian Succession Act, copy being kept in Book III under section 46.	Powers-of-Attorney authenticated.	Registrations under section 25.	Registrations under section 24.	Refusals to register (sections VI and VII).	APPEALS AGAINST SUCH REFUSALS (SECTION 72) AND APPLICATIONS UNDER SECTION 73 REGARDING SUCH REFUSALS		Registration ordered by Civil Court (section 77).	Prosecutions (section 83).	NUMBER OF ORDERS AND CERTIFICATES FILED IN BOOK NO. I UNDER SECTION 59 OF THE REGISTRATION ACT.					Searches or applications for copies.	
									Registration ordered.	Registration refused.			Under Land Improvement Loans Act.	Under Agricultural Loans Act.	Under section 316, Code of Civil Procedure.	Granted by Revenue Officers.			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18		
Cachar	2	30	5	7	56	11	3	1	85	...	360
Sylhet ... ... ...	...	...	...	...	145	44	142	447	159	46	...	...	...	...	...	514	72	2,820
Khasi and Jaintia Hills	21	1	1	8	
Total Surma Valley and Hill Districts.	2	...	...	...	196	49	149	504	171	49	1	...	...	...	...	599	72	3,188
Goalpara	1	...	...	...	36	1	2	28	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	137	...	145
Kamrup ... ... ...	...	...	...	...	12	...	6	5	7	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	256
Darrang ... ... ...	...	...	...	...	35	...	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	24
Nowgong	14	1	8	...	23
Sibsagar ... ... ...	...	...	...	...	59	...	...	49	...	11	...	2	...	...	...	125	...	120
Lakhimpur ... ... ...	...	...	...	1	...	76	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	49
Garo Hills ...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Total Assam Valley Districts.	1	...	1	...	241	1	8	92	7	16	...	2	...	...	...	270	...	628
Grand Total ...	8	...	1	...	437	50	157	596	178	65	1	2	...	...	...	860	72	3,816
Total for the previous Year.	2	1	6	40	447	80	196	759	184	84	1	3	...	...	...	652	74	4,164

PROVINCIAL STATEMENT A.

STATEMENT OF REGISTRATIONS, RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE OF EACH REGISTRATION OFFICE IN THE PROVINCE OF ASSAM DURING THE YEAR 1918.

Offices.	Total number of documents registered in Books I, III and IV.	Total amount of ordinary fees.	Total of other receipts.	Total receipts.	Total expenditure.
1	2	3	4	5	6
Silchar ...	3,878	Rs. 8,609	Rs. 936	Rs. 4,545	Rs. 4,841
Hailakandi ...	2,272	2,438	217	2,655	1,927
Katigora ...	1,374	1,047	77	1,124	2,203
Lakhimpur ...	628	556	14	570	526
Palonghat ...	1,160	1,022	37	1,059	881
Total ...	9,312	8,672	1,281	9,953	10,178
Sylhet ...	1,536	1,962	3,686	5,648	7,494
Ditto Joint ...	4,100	4,200	862	5,062	2,552
Thakurbari ...	2,493	2,398	227	2,623	1,681
Habiganj ...	4,380	4,848	1,490	6,338	3,114
Sunamganj ...	3,952	3,367	464	3,831	2,242
Karimganj ...	3,980	4,902	1,120	5,422	2,750
South Sylhet ...	3,754	3,758	704	4,462	2,054
Balaganj ...	2,889	2,767	514	3,281	2,164
Kulaura ...	2,114	2,183	515	2,698	2,173
Madhabpur ...	2,789	2,596	279	2,875	2,163
Jaldhup ...	4,108	3,813	309	4,122	2,151
Kanairghat ...	2,003	1,311	69	1,380	1,622
Jagannathpur ...	2,594	2,266	373	2,639	1,874
Patharkandi ...	1,438	1,227	185	1,412	1,729
Baniyachang ...	3,059	2,651	339	2,990	2,670
Gowainghat ...	1,323	880	103	988	2,031
Biswanath ...	2,721	2,485	478	2,963	2,172
Srimangal ...	1,767	1,545	214	1,759	1,928
Sukhair ...	1,614	1,429	208	1,637	1,575
Bhangabazar ...	725	693	91	784	581
Total ...	53,339	50,679	12,230	62,909	46,670
Shillong ...	196	522	82	604	317
Jowai ...	72	101	1	102	49
Total ...	268	623	83	706	366
Total Surma Valley and Hill Districts ...	62,919	59,974	13,594	73,568	57,214
Dhubri ...	2,271	2,770	736	3,506	1,868
Goalpara ...	235	265	110	375	221
Total ...	2,506	8,035	846	3,881	2,089
Gauhati ...	1,785	2,009	891	2,900	1,524
Barpeta ...	524	394	194	588	..
Total ...	2,109	2,403	1,085	3,488	1,524
Tezpur ...	669	726	136	862	370
Mangaldai ...	230	222	49	271	111
Total ...	889	948	185	1,183	481
Nowgong ...	459	455	158	613	2
Total ...	459	455	158	613	2
Jorhat ...	1,716	1,654	373	1,927	2,318
Sibsagar ...	707	625	103	728	354
Golaghat ...	876	796	124	120	420
Total ...	3,299	2,975	600	3,575	3,087
Dibrugarh ...	774	1,234	372	1,606	500
North Lakhimpur ...	149	95	21	116	48
Total ...	923	1,329	393	1,722	548
Garo Hills ...	22	27	6	38	38
Total ...	22	27	6	38	38
Total of Assam Valley Districts ...	10,217	11,172	3,278	14,445	7,769
Grand Total ...	73,136	71,146	16,867	88,018	64,983
Total of previous year ...	89,113	82,713	19,100	1,01,813	68,009
